

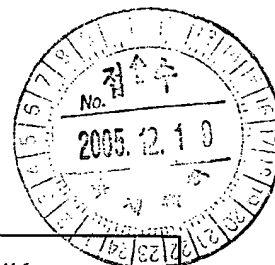
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY


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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ 1-9 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ 10-36 _____ received by this Authority on 09/12/2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ 37 _____ received by this Authority on 09/12/2005
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- ☒ the drawings:
- pages _____ 1/5-5/5 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 2, 5 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**I. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The amendments filed with the letter dated 09. 12. 2005 have not been extended beyond the disclosure of the patent application as filed.

The present invention relates to a composition for preventing and treating arthritis, comprising the butanol fraction of *Notoginseng* radix extract as an effective ingredient.

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report :

D1 = JP 11-139979 A (25. 05. 1999)

D2 = Zhongguo Zhong Xi Yi Jie He Za Zhi, 14(1), 35-6, 5-6 (1994)

D3 = Zhongguo Yao Li Xue Bao, 20(6), 551-4 (1999)

1) Novelty & Inventive step

D1 discloses a composition for the suppression of immune system and the prevention and treatment of chronic rheumatoid arthritis, containing a crude extract of *Panax notoginseng* as an active ingredient.

D2 states that the total saponins of *Panax notoginseng* has the anti-inflammatory, analgesic and immunomodulatory effects.

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Supplemental Box

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Box V.

D3 states that the total saponins of *Panax notoginseng* exhibits an anti-inflammatory effect in the rat model with acute inflammation.

Even though the cited documents D1-D3 are relevant to the present invention, they do not disclose the butanol fraction of Notoginseng radix extract in the present invention as active ingredients.

In view of the experimental results submitted by the Applicants on 09. 12. 2005, the butanol fraction(RF1MB) of Notoginseng radix extract in the present invention has more effective treating efficacy than the crude extract(RF1M) of *Panax notoginseng* in the cited document D1.

Therefore, the invention claimed in claims 1-3 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).

2) Industrial applicability

Claims 1-3 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4).